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Subject: A new counterfeit issue of our Nam Bo 5-piaster bill, II Category (description: clay colored, with likeness of Ho Chi Minh mangosteen-colored on one side and serial number on the other).

After scrutinizing these bills, we note the following characteristics which distinguish the genuine from the counterfeit:

Genuine Bills

The numbers occupy a wider space; the letters and 8 figures project from the white margin.

A high quality indelible ink is used in the printing.

To the right, on the numbered side,
no cross-piece on the buffalo's neck.

In the middle of the two words Nam (south) and Dong (east) below the letter N, accent-like mark is not clear.

Counterfeit Bills

The height of the figures is the same but the width is less; the 8 figures are within the white margin.

The Chinese ink used can be washed out with water.

The buffalo's neck has a cross-piece.

There is a clear white mark similar to an accent mark (').

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Genuine Bills

The upper right has a very clear circle between the 2 stalks of grain.

There is no black mark next to "Ngu" (ngo).

Counterfeit Bills

The circle is not clear.

There is a black mark.

This Communique should serve as a warning.

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